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New England Deaconess Hospital
Boston, Massachusetts

Second Parasitology Workshop Necessary

Visiting pathologists and supervisory medical technologists are pictured at the Parasitology Workshop, which was held in the Palmer Six Classroom on March 3. Standing (from left to right) are Mrs. Judith Kimber, M.T. (ASCP), Mr. Henry Knopp, Administrative Assistant for Laboratories, Dr. Merle A. Legg, Pathologist, Dr. William A. Meissner, Pathologist-in-Chief and Miss Joanne Macdonald, M.T. (ASCP), all instructors for the Workshop.

INTEREST IN THE FIRST PARASITOLOGY WORKSHOP, sponsored by the Pathology Laboratory at New England Deaconess Hospital in December, was considerable enough to warrant scheduling a second undertaking and may demand a third! The necessity to train pathologists and medical technologists to identify parasitic intestinal diseases is rising because of the increased travel to and from tropical and semi-tropical areas.

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DEACONESS NIGHT AT THE "POPS"

The night to remember is April 29. On that Friday at 8:30 P.M. the Friends of the Deaconess will sponsor their "Deaconess Night at the Pops" to benefit the School of Nursing's Scholarship Fund. Anticipation rises as the date nears, for this event has traditionally been a favorite for the Deaconess. Mr. Arthur Fiedler will again conduct the Symphony Hall entertainment.

Mrs. C. Cabell Bailey is this year's chairman and Mrs. George A. Dempsey is treasurer. Both ladies along with Mrs. John Clapp, Jr., Mrs. Frederick N. Cur-

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FUND RAISERS ON LOCATION

The six-story addition planned for Central Building will be a tremendous advance and all of us are proud to see Deaconess "on the move." But how would you like to have to raise the money? Costs are estimated at over eight million dollars.

Mr. James V. Lavin, Mr. William C. Coppersmith and Mr. Thomas Lyman are the fund-raising counselors on location at the Medical Office Building — Rooms 521 and 522 and can be reached on Ext. 600 and 601. They are working on some effective tools for fund-raising, including a pictorial brochure, evaluating Deaconess needs. Their photographer has been wandering about the hospital trying to catch unposed action shots, which can tell a story of a need and project the image of our hospital.

TAX MAN HERE

To answer your questions and to help solve your tax problems this year, the Hospital will have a tax consultant available. He was in the office of Mr. Richard E. Lee, Controller and Assistant Director, on Central One, all day Wednesday, March 16, and will be here again Wednesday, April 6.

Please feel free to contact Miss Gail Graham at Ext. 202 to make an appointment. There will be no charge to employees.

THE SUGGESTION BOX

An unusual set of suggestions came to us from an employee — suggestions based on those basic qualities, which all of us at Deaconess aim for.

Reporting for work on time is important;
be punctual.
Try and make the best at Deaconess better;
be concerned.
You can improve your skills;
be more willing.
Please wait your turn in the cafeteria;
be patient.
Return to work after lunch,
someone else may be waiting.
Remember, we are here to help those less fortunate;
be pleasant.

All employees and nursing students are urged to participate in the suggestion plan. Any constructive suggestion that will improve patient care, public relations or working conditions, reduce accident, health or fire hazards, and save time, effort or materials may deserve a cash award ranging from $10 — $50.

More detailed information is on the reverse side of the Ben Thinkin suggestion slips. Look for them in the box by the bulletin board outside the cafeteria and be creative!

TEA HONORS MISS KENNEDY

Admiring the pearl necklace that Miss Agnes Kennedy is holding are (standing from left to right) Miss Marian E. Haskell, Head of the Booking Department; Mrs. Laura Cheney and Mrs. Karen A. George, Assistant Night Supervisors, Mrs. Chilla K. Merrill, Night Supervisor, Mrs. Harriet Q. Wilson and Miss Ellen M. Lewis, also Assistant Night Supervisors, all in Nursing. Seated next to Miss Kennedy is Miss Dorothy Blanchard, Isotope Department.

When someone has faithfully given herself to one occupation for 32 years, a tea in her honor can not hope to express the total affection her many friends feel. But a tea is a good occasion to meet and remember the special times, as well as everyday occurrences.

The tea at Harris Hall on Monday, March 7, for Miss Agnes Kennedy, night telephone operator, was like that. It was a sincere honor, and although it was sad to know she would be leaving, there was a warm knowledge that she had served Deaconess well, for a long time and that she would always be thought of with a kind regard.

A string of pearls was presented to her by Mr. R.D. Lowry, Executive Director, in the hope that Miss Kennedy would think of Deaconess too. Gifts were given on behalf of the telephone operators, the night nursing supervisors, the Administrative Services Department and many other friends.

Miss Kennedy plans eventually to join her sister, Jessie, who retired in 1961 as the Hospital's chief telephone operator, and their niece and nephew in Sarnia, Ontario.

WE WELCOME . . .

Newest full-time employees included **Laban G. Zimmerman, Jr.,** Administrative Services; **Leona F. Davis, Mrs. Edna A. French, Betty Jean Townes, Walter R. Washington,** Dietary; **Mrs. Flor Baires, Mrs. Martha J. Thorne,** Housekeeping; **David Skinner, M.D., Judith Hansberger, Mrs. Belle C. Jones,** Pathology; **Rene Gonzales, Carmen Goodrum,** Laundry; **Frank Abbondanzio,** Maintenance; **Marilyn Nickerson,** Medical Records; **Helen A. Dolliver,** Health Clinic Nurse; **Mrs. Irene L. Henry,** Nursing; **Diane Ardrey, Dianne Ferguson, Susan Fernald, Paul E. Kane, Janice Anne Watts,** Licensed Practical Nurses; **Mrs. Alice M. Keane,** Staff Nurse; **Joseph F. Grogan, Patricia A. Pennesi,** Cancer Research Institute.

SECOND PARASITOLOGY WORKSHOP NECESSARY

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Participation is limited to about 15 pathologists and supervisory medical technologists in order to provide a high teacher-learner ratio. The participant has the opportunity to practice the technique for concentrating and staining the specimens, and should return to his laboratory with confidence in his ability to set up procedures needed to identify the parasites of medical importance. Mystery specimens will be sent monthly to participating hospitals as an added and continuing teaching service.

Instructors for this second, March 3, workshop were: Dr. William A. Meissner, Pathologist-in-Chief; Dr. Bradley E. Copeland, Director of the Clinical Pathology Department; Dr. Merle A. Legg, Pathologist; Mr. Henry L. Knopp, Administrative Assistant for Laboratories; Mrs. Judith Kimber, M.T. (ASCP), Miss Joanne Macdonald, M.T. (ASCP) and Miss Anne Whitney, M.T. (ASCP), all from New England Deaconess Hospital; Miss Carol Brooker, M.T. (ASCP) from New England Baptist Hospital and Mrs. Elizabeth Kitson, student at the School of Medical Technology of the New England Deaconess and New England Baptist Hospitals.

Don't Borrow Money Needlessly
But if You Must, the Folks to Trust
Are at Your
ALPHA CREDIT UNION

DOCTORS' DOINGS . . .

DR. BRADLEY E. COPELAND, Director of the Clinical Pathologist Department, has been appointed to the Recess Commission of the Massachusetts Legislature to Study the Need for Licensure of Bioanalytical Laboratories.

DR. FRANK FOSTER, Physician, Active Staff, spoke at the Board of Directors Meeting for the Friends of the Deaconess on Tuesday, March 15, in Joslin Auditorium. His topic was "If I Were You", some thoughts on adolescence.

DR. LELAND S. McKITTRICK, President of the American Surgical Association, will address the association at their annual meeting in Boca Raton, Florida on March 23.

DR. CORNELIUS E. SEDGWICK, Chairman of the Department of Surgery, reports that his department is located on the second floor of Deaconess — Room 214. He is usually there during the morning and can be reached at Ext. 355.

DR. JOHN W. STRIEDER, Surgeon, Active Staff, will moderate a post-graduate course on "Alterations of Pulmonary Function by Disease" at 2 P.M., March 24, Boston City Hospital. He is also moderator of the Massachusetts Thoracic Society's meeting at 9 A.M. on March 26 at the Sheraton-Boston.

DEACONESS NIGHT AT THE "POPS"

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rier, Mrs. Urban H. Eversole, Mrs. Basil C. Gray, Mrs. Richard B. Neff, Mrs. Alexander Ostroff and Mrs. James G. Roberts have been busy addressing the "Pops" publicity flyers. The flyers include a reservation form, and may be picked up at the Volunteer Office on Baker One, if not received by mail.

Tables for five may be reserved for $30 and single seats held for $6. Checks should be made payable to "Friends of the Deaconess Pops" and sent to Mrs. Dempsey at 51 Stony Brae Road, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02161 with a self-addressed stamped envelope for prompt ticket return.

Mrs. Dempsey and members of the committee will also sell tickets in the lobby of Central Building on Tuesday, April 26 and Thursday, April 28. Remember your ticket contribution entitles you to a tax deduction, as well as an evening of fun.

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When cortisone was first developed in 1949, some 40 oxen were required to supply the raw material to make enough of the drug to treat one arthritis victim for one day.

PROFILE

MRS. ROBINA A. GRAVES

"You could almost call her a crusader," said Mr. William Barry, Administrator of Joslin Clinic, and certainly Mrs. Robina A. Graves has undertaken her chosen cause with zeal and enthusiasm. She teaches the bewildered patient at the Hospital Teaching Unit to accept, understand and treat his diabetes. Because of her work now, and in the past, hundreds of children and adults are able to live richer and more useful lives.

Mrs. Graves was one of the first "wandering nurses," a title coined by the renowned Dr. Elliott P. Joslin. The "wandering nurse" would stay at the home of the diabetic child, teaching him and his family to adapt to their new problem. Because doctors insisted that with the proper diet and correct care, patients could control their future activities, Mrs. Graves was able to bring hope to the diabetic, who often thought himself completely handicapped.

Summer camps for diabetics, the Elliott P. Joslin Camp at Charlton and the Clara Barton Camp at Oxford, for boys and girls, respectively, afforded Mrs. Graves, and others so dedicated, a chance to reach more than one diabetic at a time. The children looked forward to camp, where they could be among other diabetics. There everyone had to follow a diet, test their urine and give themselves insulin. Mrs. Graves said that the intervals at camp were her favorite weeks, but that she was able to reach even more people through the Hospital Teaching Unit.

How did this woman become so involved with the diabetic? It was nine years ago. Mrs. Graves was ironing and wondering what a retired nurse, a 1929 Deaconess Nursing School graduate with three grandchildren, might find to do in this world. She decided to call the Joslin Clinic for part-time work. Since that day, she has been connected with Joslin, as a wandering nurse, a camping nurse and finally as the Chief Teaching Nurse. Mrs. Graves' search for part-time employment turned into a consuming full-time enterprise.

She lives with one daughter and takes a trip to Florida once a year to visit her other daughter. She is especially proud of her grandchildren and of a silver charm bracelet, which holds more than fifty charms — souvenirs from the many patients and friends she has known and helped.

Mrs. Robina A. Graves, Chief Teaching Nurse for the Joslin Clinic Hospital Teaching Unit, lectures to one of her classes for diabetics.

PATIENTS' PRAISE

The following note was recently received by Mr. R. D. Lowry, Executive Director. In its entirety it makes a perfect thank you.

"My husband has just been in the hospital for over six weeks and so many kind things have been done for him by all the staff on the fifth floor of Palmer that we thought you should know about it.

Everyone from the kitchen staff upward went out of their way to make his long stay as easy as possible. When he left, the messenger, the doorman and the very nice discharging secretary were wonderful to a very sick man.

On his behalf and mine, too — we take our hats off to the spirit of the Deaconess."

AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHTY DAYS

Miss Phyllis R. Giardini and Miss Judy M. Brazier, Head Nurses on Baker Four and Three, respectively, pose in the Garden of Gethsemane.

their hobby is travel

Miss Phyllis R. Giardini, Deaconess School of Nursing graduate, now Head Nurse on Baker Four, and Miss Judy M. Brazier, Head Nurse, Baker Three, have the kind of hobby most of us must only imagine. They travel everywhere — Europe five years ago — Hawaii, three years ago — and this year around the world.

visited friends

Their exciting itinerary was planned in advance and included opportunities to visit relatives and Deaconess contacts. In Beirut they visited Dr. and Mrs. Jacques Hajjar. Mrs. Hajjar was formerly Barbara Rowell, and a nurse at Deaconess. She and her husband met during his residencey here.

Dr. Yong Uahwatanasakul, a senior assistant resident in Internal Medicine, suggested the girls stop to see his family in Thailand and Pehang. Invited to go out and sample some Thai food, Phyllis and Judy were pleased, said it was good, spicy and surprisingly different from the Chinese dishes.

By Christmas they were in Hawaii. It was 85 degrees on Christmas Day, and they had the traditional turkey dinner with Miss Phileta Riley and Miss Eleanor Call, two Deaconess School of Nursing graduates and former nurses here, now at hospitals in Honolulu.

Closer to home the girls visited Phyllis' brother and his wife, the former Alice Clark, also a Deaconess graduate, in Toledo, Ohio.

a different world

Although comforting to see those acquainted with "home", part of the excitement of their travel was in the unique attractions of other countries. In Egypt, for example, they went for a camel ride, and decided that camels are much higher up than they look, and just as mean and dirty as rumored. Among the Crown Jewels of Iran they saw the largest diamond in the world. And half-way around the world, they discovered that the only way the Japanese could make cultured pearls was with a "starter" shell from the Mississippi River.

where they went

They had loved Rome, when they went to Europe before, wanted to see it again; and this time they flew from Boston directly to Rome for four classic days. Most impressive to them was the Vatican, where surprisingly enough, protocol insisted they have their arms covered rather than their heads. Athens, another favorite, was next and then Istanbul, Beirut and Cairo. After being away about four weeks total time, they went to Jordan, which was the highlight of their trip.

After Israel and Iran they flew to the Orient, exotic Bangkok, Hong Kong and Tokyo. Hawaii was their last stop before the continental United States.

NEW ENGLAND DEACONESS HOSPITAL BOWLING LEAGUE

DIVISION A

Team No.	Pinfall to date Incl. Handicap	Pts.
4—MacLean	28,581	90
5—Marotta	28,533	90
1—Colleran	28,686	83
3—Fippin	28,307	76
2—Meek	28,362	75

High Singles, Feb. 24

R. D. Lowry	118
E. Clapp	116

High Singles for Year

H. Sycamore	129
S. Meek	123

High Three-String for Year

H. Sycamore	325
S. Meek	297

High Averages for Year

R. D. Lowry	95
S. Meek	92

DIVISION B

Team No.	Pinfall to date Incl. Handicap	Pts.
11—Fisher	27,231	106
10—Schraub	28,508	90
6—Lee	28,372	88
8—Weeden	26,732	80
7—Kimber	28,237	76
9—Halligan	28,499	64

High Singles, Feb. 24

M. Foley	122
R. Pennor	97

High Singles for Year

M. Foley	144
S. Baldwin	112
J. Kimber	112

High Three-String for Year

C. Fisher	344
B. Weeden	286

High Averages for Year

C. Schraub	97
B. Weeden	88

DIVISION C

Team No.	Pinfall to date Incl. Handicap	Pts.
15—Groark	25,594	81
13—Hennessey	28,094	70
12—Mazza	28,384	68
16—Smith	27,727	48
14—Shapiro	26,556	29

High Singles, Feb. 24

G. Smith	108
J. Mazza	111

High Singles for Year

G. Smith	124
J. Mazza	111

High Three-String for Year

G. Smith	346
J. Mazza	301

High Averages for Year

G. Makrokanis	90
M. Hennessey	87